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Gruesome Cloud Of Nazi Past Settles Down To Remove Man At The Top

The long shadow of Germany's Nazi past has reached high into Bonn's ruling circles again as the man selected by Chancellor Ludwig Erhard to run the federal Chancellery renounced the position because of attacks on his "brown past," writes Philip Shabecoff in the New York Times. Dr. Albert Pfitzer officially turned down the post of chief administrative assistant to the Chancellor when sharp press criticism followed the disclosure that he had been a member of both the Nazi party and the notorious SS (Elite guard) during his student days.

According to sources close to the Chancellery, Dr. Pfitzer's resignation of the post of head of the Chancellery office was only a formality. President Heinrich Lübke, who must approve of all such high appointments, had let it be known that he would not sign the papers confirming Dr. Pfitzer in his new Post, these sources reported.

Dr. Lübke is himself in a vulnerable position with regard to charges of a Nazi background. He has been faced by repeated accusations that he helped in the planning of concentration camps during the Third Reich.

Thus he did not want to encourage further attacks by approving the appointment of a former Nazi to a high position, the informants explained.

Dr. Pfitzer, who is fifty-four years old, has contended that he was only a formal member of the "SS" and of the Nazi party, having joined these organizations at the age of twenty-one to obtain better college opportunities.

He declared that he had never held any rank in either organization, never had taken part in any of their activities and had left both groups by the opening of World War II.

The civil servant's contention that he "didn't hide anything," is essentially correct. His past was known both to the Allied military authorities, says the New York Times, who cleared him for public service during the occupation, and the West German Government.

The Bundesrat, or upper house of Parliament, where Dr. Pfitzer has served as director for the last fifteen years, also knew of his past. He will now return to his post in the Bundesrat.

Chancellor Erhard must now seek a new successor to Dr. Ludger Westrick, who resigned as head of the Chancellery office.

An earlier occupier of the position of chief aide to the Chancellor also had to depart from his office when charges of dubious activities during the Hitler era were brought against him.

Dr. Hans Globke was forced to resign as head of former Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's office following allegations that he had helped to prepare the infamous Nuremberg racial laws. These laws purported to give legal justification to the Nazis' persecution of the Jews and other minority groups.

Indeed, the attack on Dr. Pfitzer and his resignation have opened anew the question of when the West German Government will finally be able to bury its Nazi legacy.

New disclosures of criminal or at least reprehensible activities during the Third Reich are almost constantly being unearthed about government employes, says the New York Times, from the highest reaches to the level of judges and teachers.

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Next Time Target: To Eliminate Syrian Bases Of Sabotage

The water pipeline between Arad and Masada in the northern Negev which was blown up in recent weeks was the ninth act of terrorism reported since Israel complained to the United Nations Security Council about mounting border violence.

This incident took place three miles east of the development town of Arad. The pipeline carried water to facilities at Masada, a historic mountain-top site opened earlier this year to tourists, writes James Feron, in the New York Times. Israeli officials said the tracks of three men had been traced to the nearby Jordanian border.

The incident was not a serious one, but the fact that it occurred at a time of rising frustration, as the Security Council discusses ways of dealing with the problem, tended to increase the tension over Israel's border.

The border situation dominated a Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem. Foreign Minister Abba Eban noted that several members of the Security Council had reservations over what he described as the moderate British-American resolution.

This states that Syria must respect her obligations to prevent terrorist attacks against settlements in Israel. It was noted that the French delegation was among those expressing reservations about the resolution.

The right-wing Gahal party called on the chairman of the Parliament's foreign affairs and defense committee to convene an urgent session with Premier Levi Eshkol in attendance.

Meanwhile, just outside Jerusalem, railroad engineers completed repairs on the main line to Tel Aviv, where a freight train was derailed near the Jordanian village of Battir. The sabotage, which was accompanied by small-arms fire from the Jordanian hills, closed rail traffic to the capital.

These incidents have contributed to the mounting frustration among Israeli officials, some of whom express the view that the Arab states, Syria in particular, says the New York Times, under-estimate Israel's ability to withstand continuing infiltration.

The wisdom of having gone to the Security Council has come under increasing question. The influential Haaretz, an independent morning newspaper, said:

"There is still room for the argument that we were right to apply to the Security Council. But the complications in which the discussion on Israel's complaint has become involved give rise to the apprehension that they are hardly less than those aroused by the behavior of the Syrian Government."

Omer, the newspaper of the Government-controlled Labor Federation, said: "Either Syria puts an end to the threats and acts of provocation or the fire of war, whose scope and outcome no one can foretell, will be lit."

Lamerhav, the newspaper of Achdut Avoda, a party aligned with the controlling Mapai party, said: "Growing terrorism and the Security Council's impotence because of the Soviet stand may compel Israel to insure peace by her own strength, at a time and by the means that she will consider appropriate."

The general view in Jerusalem is that Syria, considered to be the source of almost all the terrorism, would be the target of any retaliation. It is also believed that the strike would not be confined, as in the past, says the New York Times, to a brief air attack against Syrian border position but a penetration aimed at eliminating the bases of sabotage.

Israeli Computer Expert Is N.Y. City Consultant

Dr. Nachman Bench, the Israeli computer expert whose appointment as deputy city administrator in the Lindsay administration was declared illegal because he was not a United States citizen, is now working full time for City of New York.

"Dr. Bench has been informally dubbed as acting deputy city administrator within the office itself," said Dr. Timothy W. Costello, Deputy Mayor-City Administrator, in an interview with Robert E. Dallos, of the New York Times, "although this title has no official status whatsoever."

Dr. Bench, who has an office at 250 Broadway, is getting $80 a day and is officially listed as a "counseling management systems" consultant to the administration. On a full-time basis, the per diem pay would equal the $20,000 he was to have received had he been allowed to take up the city post.

The thirty-one-year-old, Haifa-born consultant was appointed to the city post by Mayor Lindsay on April 17 on the recommendation of Dr. Costello. But before he could be sworn in, the Corporation Counsel's office ruled that the appointment would violate the State Public Officers Law because Dr. Bench was an alien.

At that time, Dr. Costello said that Dr. Bench would be retained as a consultant, beginning May 1, until he became a citizen.

But on September 25, the Mayor's office, in a news release about the appointment of a seventeen-man Operations Research Council to advise the city on administrative reform and reorganization, identified Dr. Bench as "acting Deputy City Administrator." Dr. Bench would head the unit, the release said.

Dr. Costello, explaining that he had never sat down with Dr. Bench to change his official status, said: "It is just a convenient way of referring to him. He has no official status as an employe of the City of New York. He has no tenure, no pension, and he gets no fringe benefits.

"He is doing work never done before in the City Administrator's office. He is making the same kind of contribution he would have made as Deputy City Administrator, but a man's status in the city is determined by his payroll title."

Dr. Bench has initiated a study in the Department of Purchasing to develop a more efficient means of inventory control. He is also working on an information system concerned with client data for the Welfare Department, says the New York Times. Dr. Bench came to the United States as Nachman Benchkovsky on a student visa six years ago. He renewed his visa each year until he married an American citizen last year and filed for a resident visa. He changed his name last year.

Representative Emanuel Celler, a Democrat, Senator Jacob K. Javits, a Republican, introduced bills in both houses of Congress in June to hasten Dr. Bench's citizenship.

The bills, currently awaiting security checks, would credit Dr. Bench for the time he has spent there as a non-resident. The normal waiting period for persons with American spouses is three years.

Majority Of U.S Jewish Secular And Religious Groups Support Right Of Dissent On Vietnam Problem

The leaders of two major Orthodox Jewish organizations strongly endorsed and voiced confidence in President Johnson's current move "to bring to a peaceful conclusion the conflict" in Vietnam. In a joint statement, Rabbi Pesach Levovitz, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Moses I. Feuerstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, writes Irving Spiegel, in the New York Times, called on "North Vietnam and its supporters not to misunderstand the American will for peace."

On previous occasions Orthodox Jewish religious and lay leaders have given sympathetic endorsement to President Johnson's Vietnam policy. However, the statement represented an official position adopted by the executive boards of both Orthodox groups.

These Orthodox leaders, in supporting the Administration's policy, have privately expressed concern that the spread of Communist domination has usually been accompanied by the suppression of Jewish cultural and religious rights.

Orthodox Judaism in the United States which contends it includes more than one million worshippers, maintains a rigid adherence to the Halacha, the Jewish religious laws, and to the Five Books of Moses.

The Orthodox statement did not cover the Administration's general policy in Vietnam but confined itself to praise for the peace efforts begun by President Johnson and Arthur J. Goldberg, United States Representative to the United Nations.

The Jewish Orthodox leaders cited Mr. Goldberg's recent statement before the United Nations, which set forth the Administration's readiness to end the hostilities and withdraw American troops provided North Vietnam would follow suit and enter into peaceful negotiations, says the New York Times. In essence, this has been a part of the Administration's general policy and aim.

Rabbi Levovitz and Mr. Feuerstein asserted that the Administration "has set no conditions for these negotiations" and that this move "should add credence to the sincerity of its interest."

Further, they declared that the American people were "all united behind our President's now clearly stated aims," adding: "We commend our President for his forthright position and urge him to persist in his efforts to demonstrate our country's uncompromising will to peace and in his unabated search for a negotiated settlement."

Apart from the statement, Rabbi Levovitz was critical of the "religious and intellectual community" in the United States for what he contended was their pressure directed "toward only the Administration."

He said that these religious and intellectual forces, without naming them, should apply "equal pressure and persuasion upon Hanoi, Peking, and Moscow."

A recent Gallup poll showed that forty-one per cent of American Jews in opposition to the Government's policy on the Vietnam war, forty-one per cent in favor, and eighteen per cent indicating no opinion on the subject. The American Jewish Year Book has estimated, says the New York Times, that the Jewish population in the United States totals about 5.68 million.

Jewish organizations and the Jewish community, in general, have been divided on the Administration's policy. On one hand, such major groups as the American Jewish Congress, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and the Reform Jewish body, have sharply opposed the Administration's policy. The Jewish War Veterans, along with Orthodox groups, had supported the Administration.

Last May at its annual convention, the Rabbinical Assembly, the Conservative Jewish group, adopted a resolution that urged both the Administration and North Vietnam to seek a "nonmilitary solution," and asked for greater United Nations involvement.

Both the Conservative and Reform rabbinical groups each also claim to have more than one million worshippers. But amid the divided and ambivalent positions that manifest themselves in resolutions and statements, the overwhelming majority of Jewish secular and religious groups, however, have expressed support of the right of dissent, says the New York Times, on the Vietnamese problem.

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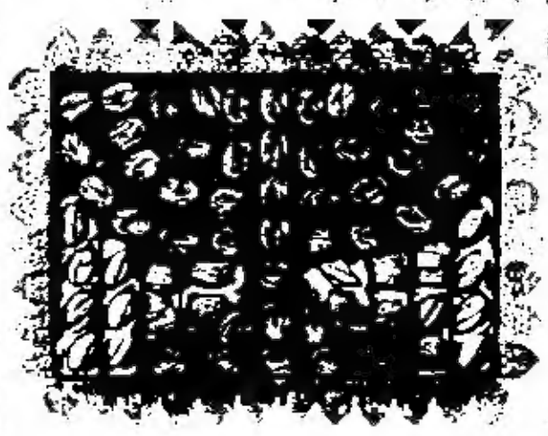

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Social Notes — Montreal

Lieutenant Colonel Dov Sinai, Consul General of Israel, and his wife, Dr. Judith Sinai, 1555 McGregor Avenue; and Lazarus Phillips, Q. B. E., Q. C., and Mrs. Phillips, 48 Belvedere Place; will be the guests of honour at the Angel's Ball of the Montreal Section of the National Council of Jewish Women; on November 26, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Manis, 7025 Kingsley Road, spent their wedding trip at the Nevele Country Club, in Ellenville, N. Y. Mrs. Manis is the former Miss Shifra Klorfine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Klorfine, 5555 Woodbury Avenue. Mr. Manis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Manis, 5317 Prince of Wales Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Stein, formerly of 2415 Sunset Avenue, have moved to 1859 St. Clare Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Avrum Frank Sonin, 5501 Adalbert Street, spent their wedding trip in Europe, travelling via B. O. A. C. Air Lines, and Air Canada. Mrs. Sonin is the former Miss Helena Bloch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bloch, 5623 Pinedale Street. Mr. Sonin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sonin, 4617 Kensington Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rossoff, and their daughters, Miss Judy Rossoff, and Miss Norma Rossoff, of Maissena, N. Y., visited his brother, and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rossoff, and Leonard Jacob Rossoff, and Rosalind, 4685 Maplewood Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Halpern, 3400 Ridgewood Avenue, are spending six months at the Greenbrier Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida. They travelled via Eastern Air Lines.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ulene, of Los Angeles, Calif., visited his brother-in-law, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hopkins, 6800 Cote St. Luc Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grossbaum, 7920 Kingsley Road, spent their wedding trip at the Nevele Country Club, in Ellenville, N. Y. Mrs. Grossbaum is the former Miss Karen Dubman, daughter of Mrs. Sybil Israel, 4650 Plamondon Street, and the late Hyman Dubman. Mr. Grossbaum is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grossbaum, of Quebec City, Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Feldman, of St. Louis, Missouri, visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. David Nudelman, 5623 Emerald Avenue.

Mrs. Lazar Glickman, 821 Pratt Avenue, visited her son, and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Morton J. Glickman, and Jay Howard, Stephen Barry, and new-born daughter, Jodi, 18 York Valley Crescent, Toronto, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Wolf, and Alan, and Steven, of New York, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swidler, 5817 Palmer Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Rosen, and daughter, Anne, 5603 Randall Avenue, were in Toronto, Ont., for the marriage of their niece, Miss Rhona Myra Jacobson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Jacobson, 30 Mount Road, to Leon Platt, son of Mrs. S. Plachta, 77 Hilton Avenue, at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Mrs. David Lisser, 18 De Casson Road, was in New York, to attend the annual meeting of board of National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. Mrs. Lisser is a member of the board of directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rabinovitch, of Ste. Sophie, Quebec, visited their son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Silverman, and son, Barry, 3820 St. Kevin Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Kogan, and sons, Ronald, and Sean, formerly of 1281 Forest Avenue, have moved to 1383 Webb Avenue.

Mrs. Lottie Cohen, 4742 Maplewood Avenue, is spending a winter holiday in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Zoltan Weisz, and daughter, Miss Dagmar Weisz, formerly of 2231 Barclay Avenue, have moved to 5550 King Edward Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Craft, 7 Mandel Crescent, Toronto, Ont., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sonin, 4617 Kensington Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin H. Glick, of Flushing, Long Island, N. Y., spent their wedding trip in Bermuda. Mrs. Glick is the former Miss Patricia Silver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Silver, 4300 Western Avenue. Mr. Glick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Glick, of Flushing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Pollock, of Montreal, spent their wedding trip travelling through the Southern United States. Mrs. Pollack is the former Miss Shari Joyce Katz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer R. Katz, 5739 Blossom Avenue. Mr. Pollack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pollock, 5745 Smart Avenue.

Mrs. Moe Zuker, 229 St. Viateur Street West, visited her son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winston Brown, and son, Neil Shawn, of Fredericton, N. B.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feldman, 4442 Page Street, visited their son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hersh H. Gordon, and new-born son, Mark Steven, 540 Sheppard Avenue West, Toronto, Ont.

Mrs. Annie Pecker, of New York, visited her son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Delnick, and Miss Maureen Delnick, and David, 4857 Mackenzie Street; and her son, and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Pecker, and Morris, and Lorne Howard, 3245 Goyer Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swidler, 7025 Kingsley Road, spent their wedding trip in Puerto Rico. Mrs. Swidler is the former Miss Vickie Susan Endleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Endleman, 2250 Lafortune Street. Mr. Swidler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swidler, 5817 Palmer Street.

In Toronto, Ont., for the bar-mitzvah of Ira Joel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davidson, 12 Appian Drive, who was called to the Reading of the Law, at Hebrew Men of England Synagogue, were: Reverend and Mrs. Abraham Shizgal, 2297 Goyer Street, the grandparents; uncles, and aunts: Mr. and Mrs. Gabor Altmann, and Esther, Jeffrey, and Howard, 805 Abbott Street; Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Hirsch, and Fraya, Ellen, and Marcie, 2185 McNulty Street; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril B. Doucffe, and Robert, and Stuart, 50 Clarence Boulevard, Dollard des Ormeaux; and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Eskin, and daughter, Esther, cousins, 5120 Mackenzie Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jack Kaufman, of Montreal, spent their wedding trip in Nassau, and Miami Beach, Florida. Mrs. Kaufman is the former Miss Cecile Karo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Karo, 4710 Kent Avenue. Mr. Kaufman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Kaufman, 8165 De L'Epee Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brodwin, 4950 Bourret Street; and their son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Levine, 1495 Normandie Boulevard; were in Toronto, Ont., for the funeral of the former's brother-in-law, Moe Mendelsohn, 1725 Bathurst Street, who died on October 26.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ehrenfield; and Hana, and Zvi, formerly of 2590 Bedford Road, have moved to 1288 Ethier Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Manis, 6950 Fielding Avenue, celebrated the first birthday of their son, Howard Lloyd; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Manis, 5317 Prince of Wales Avenue; and of Mrs. Sybil Israel, 4650 Plamondon Street, and the late Hyman Dubman; great-grandson of Mrs. Toba Dubman, and Mrs. Becky Singer; both of Montreal. Thirty guests were present. Mrs. Manis wore an orange-coloured, and white wool dress. A blue, and white birthday cake trimmed the table.

BAR-MITZVAHS

Howard Irving, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Bortenstein, 6057 Mountain Sights Avenue, will be called to the Reading of the Law, in honour of his bar-mitzvah, on November 26, at Cinevra Kadisha Bnai Jacob Synagogue. He is the brother of Saul, aged sixteen years; and David, eight. Kiddush will be observed.

Ira Joel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davidson, 12 Appian Drive, Toronto, Ont., was called to the Reading of the Law, in honour of his bar-mitzvah, at Hebrew Men of England Synagogue. He is the brother of Joyce, aged fifteen years; grandson of Reverend and Mrs. Abraham Shizgal, 2297 Goyer Street, Montreal. Kiddush was observed.

ADOPTIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Belinsky (nee Connie Clarke), of Montreal, announce the arrival of their chosen daughter, Naomi Jill; sister of Devorah, aged four years; and Corie, two.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiseberg, 8587 Mayrand Street; announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Rosalie Wiseberg, to Irving Rabinovitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Rabinovitch, 737 B De L'Epee Avenue; to take place on Sunday, November 27, at six o'clock, at Shomrim Laboker Synagogue.

MARRIAGES

GOLDBERGER - NIEMI

The marriage of Miss Ena Theresa Niemi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul John Niemi, 1610 St. Catherine Street West, to Claude Edmond Goldberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexandre Goldberger, 8490 Van Horne Avenue, took place at Beth Moishe Synagogue, on Sunday, May 29, at half-past twelve o'clock, with Dr. Chaim M. Denburg, Rabbi, officiating, assisted by Cantor Arieh L. Subar. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore an empire gown of white lace, designed with a round neckline; long sleeves; and full skirt. Her tulle illusion veil was arranged with a Spanish mantilla; and she carried a bouquet of white, and pink carnations. Miss Irma Niemi, sister of the bride, was maid of honour. She wore a light-green, silk gown; with a green hat; and carried a bouquet of pink, and white carnations. Sophie Kulaga, aged ten years; and Marlene Koll, seven; cousins of the groom; were attendants. Each wore a white dress of embroidered cotton; with matching head-bands; and carried nosegays of white, and pink carnations. Mr. Goldberger, father of the groom, was best man. Frank Koll, aged eight years; and Allan Kulaga, seven; cousins of the groom, were ring-bearers. White, and pink carnations, roses, and gladioli were the wedding flowers. An orchestra played. One hundred and ten guests were present. Mrs. Niemi, mother of the bride, wore a pink, silk suit; with a white straw hat. Mrs. Goldberger, mother of the groom, wore a navy-blue, lace ensemble; with a matching hat. Each had a corsage of red roses. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Edmond Goldberger spent their wedding trip in Miami Beach, Florida; the bride departing in a pink, knitted suit; with a corsage of white orchids. They have taken up residence at 3230 Bedford Road. Mrs. Elsa Hevi, of Finland, aunt of the bride, was here for the marriage.

MYERS-SOHMER

The marriage of Miss Marilyn Sohmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sohmer, 2165 Nantel Street, Montreal, to Gerald Myers, 4830 Isabella Avenue, son of William Myers, 196 Bolton Avenue, Toronto, Ont., and the late Mrs. Lillian Myers, was solemnized at Shaare Zedek Synagogue, on Sunday, July 3, at six o'clock, by Rabbi A. Bernard Leffell, assisted by Cantor M. Fogel. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white, fitted, peau de soie gown, enhanced with lace, and seed-pearl-beads; fashioned with a round neckline; long sleeves, with points at the wrists; and A-line skirt finishing with a long train. Her short veil of tulle illusion was caught to a crystal-beaded tiara; and she carried a prayer book with white orchids. Miss Sharon Myers, sister of the groom, was maid of honour. Her deep-pink, sleeveless, peau de soie gown, was made with a round, beaded, neckline; and slim skirt. She had a matching hair bow; and carried a bouquet of light pink carnations. Miss Sandy Schwartzbard was a bridesmaid. She wore a sleeveless, pink, silk gown, designed with a slim skirt; with a pink hair bow; and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Elaine Myers, aged eight years, niece of the groom, was an attendant, wearing a pink organza dress, with a pink satin sash trimmed with white lace; with a pink hair bow; and carried a nosegay of pink carnations. Carolyn Myers, aged four years, niece of the groom, was flower girl. She wore a pink organza dress; with a pink hair bow; and carried a basket of pink carnations, and roses. Joseph Myers was best man for his brother. The ushers were: Cary Sohmer, brother of the bride; Ronald Myers, nephew of the groom; David Sohmer, Gerald Sohmer, Stanley Reich; cousins of the bride; Avrum Dunsky, Sye Minkoff, and Steven Goldenberg. White, pink, and red roses were the wedding flowers. An orchestra played. Two hundred and eighty guests were received. Mrs. Sohmer, mother of the bride, was gowned in beaded, pink cloque, sleeveless, with a slim skirt; and had a matching hat. Miss Bess Myers, sister of the groom, received with Mrs. Sohmer, wearing a sleeveless, beaded, pink, crepe gown; with a hat to match. Each had a corsage of white, and pink orchids. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Myers spent their wedding trip at the Saxony Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida; and Nassau; the bride going away in a pink, silk suit; with a corsage of white orchids. They travelled via Air Canada. They have taken up residence at 365 Cote Vertu Road. Here for the marriage were: the father of the groom, and his daughter, Miss Sharon Myers, Mrs. Richard Vaile, and son, Gerald; Mr. and Mrs. Abe Pichosky, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pichosky; cousins of the groom; Mrs. L. Myers, of Toronto, aunt of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. J. Loston, Mrs. L. Safer, Miss Marilyn Shaw, Miss Sylvia Buchanan; Mr. and Mrs. A. Somberg; all of Toronto; Mrs. Henry Rosen, of Brookline, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. H. Herzberg, of Quebec City, Quebec; cousins of the bride; and Dr. and Mrs. H. Robern, of Ottawa, Ont.

GELMAN-UDITSKY

The marriage of Miss Roslyn Uditsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Uditsky, 6760 Clanranald Avenue, to Stanley B. Gelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gelman, of Jacksonville, Florida, was solemnized at Adath Israel Synagogue, on Sunday, July 3, at half-past six o'clock, by Rabbi Charles Bender, assisted by Cantor Benjamin Hass. The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore a fitted, white, peau de soie gown, trimmed with lace at the round neckline; and three-quarter-length sleeves; and skirt ending with a long train. Her tulle illusion veil was caught to a lace, pill-box hat; and she carried a prayer book with white orchids. Miss Judy Uditsky was her sister's maid of honour. She wore a pink, chiffon gown, made with a pleated bodice; scoop neckline; short sleeves; and slim skirt under an overskirt; also a pink rose in her hair; and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were: Misses Cheryl Uditsky, sister of the bride; Rosalie Freidlin, and Rhona Goren; cousins of the bride; Dorothy Weiss, Toby Greenberg; and Mrs. Steven Segal; each wearing a silk, pink gown; with a flowered headdress; and carrying a bouquet of white, and pink carnations. Ethel Kravitz, aged nine years, cousin of the bride; and Susan Sentler, nine; were bridesmaids; each wearing a pink, satin dress; with a pink bonnet; and carrying a nosegay of white, and pink carnations. Edward Wittlen, of Jacksonville, Florida, was best man. The ushers were: Bruce Wittlen, Karl Schneider, both of Jacksonville; Russell Bloom, David Pomerantz, Arthur Pomerantz, cousins of the groom; and Larry Blair, cousin of the bride. Elliott Robbins, aged four years, cousin of the bride, was ring-bearer. White, and pink roses and carnations were the wedding flowers. There was an orchestra. Two hundred and twenty-five guests were received. Mrs. Uditsky, mother of the bride, wore a sleeveless gown of pink, peau de soie, appliqued with lace, which had a slim skirt; also a pink hat. Mrs. Gelman, mother of the groom, wore a pink gown composed of a lace bodice; and peau de soie skirt; made with short sleeves, and slim skirt. Her hat was pink. Each had a corsage of pink orchids. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. Gelman spent their wedding trip in Miami Beach, Florida, the bride going away in blue linen sheath dress, under a matching coat; with a corsage of white orchids. They have taken up residence in Jacksonville. Here for the marriage were: parents of the groom; M. Bloom, of Jacksonville, grandfather of the groom; uncle, and aunts of the groom: Mrs. Joseph Chud, Mr. and Mrs. S. Pomerantz, and David Pomerantz, Arthur Pomerantz, and Paul Pomerantz; and Mrs. Joseph Bloom, and son, Russell Bloom; and daughter, Miss Patti Bloom; all of Jacksonville; uncles, and aunts of the bride: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sussman, of Waterloo, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Robbins, and sons, Gerald, Marvin, and Elliott, of Kitchener, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kravitz, and Ethel, and Charles, of Somerset, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blair, and son, Larry Blair; Mrs. Ben Freidlin, and daughter, Miss Rosalie Freidlin; Mrs. Jack Sentler, and Steven, and Susan; all of Jacksonville; and Mr. and Mrs. A. Jaffe, of St. Augustine, Florida; Barry Salzman, of Jacksonville; Miss Pauline Karasch, of Huntington Woods, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. B. Chait of Elizabeth, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. N. Sherman, of Newark, N. J.; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Glashafer, of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Gelman is a graduate of Jacksonville University, in Jacksonville; and is at Stetson College, in St. Petersburg, Florida, Faculty of Law.

OBERLANDER - ROBERTSON

The marriage of Miss Michele Robertson, daughter of Commodore and Mrs. O. C. S. Robertson, of Rougemont, Quebec, to Ronald Oberlander, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Oberlander, of Rosemere, Quebec, was solemnized at Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, on Thursday, September 8, at five o'clock, by Dr. Solomon Frank, Rabbi. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white, lace gown set over satin; fashioned with a fitted bodice; high neckline; long sleeves pointed over the hands; and skirt with back fullness terminating with a long train. Her waist-length veil of tulle illusion was caught to a matching headdress; and she carried a bouquet of white rosebuds. Mrs. Donald Wilson was matron of honour for her sister. She wore a sleeveless, white, brocade gown, under a coat of gold-coloured peau de soie. She had a matching, peau de soie hair-bow; and carried a bouquet of bronze-toned baby chrysanthemums and yellow rosebuds. Fred Broomhall, of Ottawa, Ont., was best man. The ushers were: Philip Oberlander, of Daniel Oberlander; brothers of the groom; Edward Rubin, Brian Underdawn; and Bryan Skahon, of Vancouver, B.C. Standards of white gladioli decorated the canopy. Afterwards one hundred and ten guests were received at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. White, and yellow gladioli, yellow, potted chrysanthemums, and table arrangements of blue, and white chrysanthemums were used for decoration. Mrs. Robertson mother of the bride, was gowned in rose-coloured chiffon, made with a high neckline; long sleeves; and slim skirt which had a loose back panel; and had a hat of that colour. Mrs. Oberlander, mother of the groom, wore a sleeveless aquamarine-blue, brocade gown; fashioned with a high, beaded neckline; under a coat of blue peau de soie; with a hat to match. Each had a corsage bouquet of purple orchids. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Oberlander spent their wedding trip in Bermuda, the bride departing in a brown, wool suit, with a soft yellow stripe; and a corsage of white orchids. They have taken up residence at 5999 Monkland Avenue. Dr. Trudy Ash, of Newark, N.J., aunt of the groom, was here for the marriage.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Glaymon (nee Stephanie Stern), 3033 Sherbrooke Street West, on November 7, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, David Eli; brother of Joshua Stern, aged three years; grandson of Dr. Harry Joshua Stern, Rabbi, and Mrs. Stern, 3238 Westmount Boulevard; and of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan L. Glaymon, of Margate, New Jersey.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kaminer (nee Rita Baum), 4765 Vezina Street, on October 8, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Michael Mendel; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Boris Baum, 4982 Carlton Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cholewa, 3869 Mackenzie Street, who are the godparents. Mr. Baum, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. Edward I. Adelson (nee Francine Bloom, formerly of Montreal), of Chicago, Ill., on August 31, at the Passavant Memorial Hospital, a daughter, Robin Jodie; sister of Mitchell Jay, aged one and one-half years; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloome, 464 Glengarry Street; and of Mr. and Mrs. Max Addison, 3190 Kent Avenue; great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Pasfsky, 5230 Dalou Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Inhaber (nee Louise Miller), of Montreal, on August, 17, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, a son, Robert Harold; brother of Gayle, aged two and one-half years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Moe Miller, who are the godparents; and of Mr. and Mrs. Max Inhaber, all of Montreal; great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Miller; of Mrs. Bertha Heller; and of Moses Baron. Michael Inhaber, uncle, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Herscovitch (nee Rhoda Beutel), 1705 Hartenstein Street, on November 7, at the Jewish General Hospital, a daughter, Donna Mae; first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beutel, 836 Pratt Avenue; and sixth grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Herscovitch, 6532 Mountain Sights Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pascal (nee Colette Chaput), 11459 Frigon Street, on September 19, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, a son, Charles Allan; brother of Robert Anthony, aged four years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Moe Pascal, 5896 Trans Island Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chaput, 1601 Laird Boulevard. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lenett, 11460 Drouart Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seltzer (nee Geraldine Gringer, formerly of Montreal), of New York, on October 24, at the University Hospital, a son, Daniel Joshua; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gringer, 2630 Van Horne Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seltzer, of New York.

DEATHS

Mrs. Gertie Hiet Grief, 2935 Somerset Road, the widow of Jacob Grief, died on Tuesday, October 18, at home. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. David Levine (Anne), 2937 Somerset Road; three grandchildren: Pearly, aged twelve years; Jeffrey Howard, ten; and Temma, one. She was the sister of the late Max Hiet, of Montreal. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Rabbi Irving Rosner officiated. Burial was at Young Israel Cemetery, in Duvernay. Shiva was at the home.

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Social Notes — Montreal

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Abramson, 5706 Parkhaven Avenue, entertained fifty-eight guests, at a luncheon, at Desjardins Restaurant, to celebrate the sixteenth birthday of their daughter, Sharon Phyllis; sister of Miss Gloria Beryl Abramson; and Helaine Judith; granddaughter of Mrs. J. Mones, 5706 Parkhaven Avenue, and the late Mr. Mones; and of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. Abramson. Sharon Phyllis wore a Burgundy-red, wool dress, trimmed with blue; and had a wristlet of blue carnations. A centrepiece of red, and white carnations, combined with a square, red, and white birthday cake, trimmed the table.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hopkins (nee Esther Ulene), 6800 Cote St. Luc Road, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, at a dinner dance, with one hundred and twenty-five guests present, given by their children. They have three sons, and two daughters-in-law: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hopkins, 5310 Bessborough Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hopkins, 5312 Bessborough Avenue; and Saul Hopkins, of New York, who was here for the celebration; two sons-in-law, and daughters: Mr. and Mrs. John Greenwood (Lottie), of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Saul Smith (Goldie), 750 Brunet Street; eight grandchildren: John Hopkins, and Joyce, aged sixteen years; children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hopkins; Mitchell, aged ten years; and Marla, seven; children of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hopkins; Frances Greenwood, twelve years; and Marilyn Smith, aged thirteen years; Sheryl, ten; and Arthur Smith, seven. Mrs. Hopkins is the sister of John Ulene, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Moe Ulene, 2079 Veniard Street; Mrs. Israel Rimoin (Jennie), 5520 Randall Avenue; and Mrs. Mania Rosentzveig, 6246 Westbury Avenue. Mr. Hopkins is the brother of Issie Hopkins, 5522 Alpine Avenue. Mrs. Paul Hopkins wore a gold-coloured, beaded gown; with a corsage of mauve orchids. A table centrepiece of gold-toned carnations, and white and red roses; combined with a gold-coloured cake, beautified the table. Mr. and Mrs. John Greenwood, their son-in-law, and daughter, and Frances; Mr. and Mrs. John Ulene; and Mr. and Mrs. Issie Cohen, of New York, were here for the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Deitcher, 5571 Alpine Avenue, celebrated their sixteenth wedding anniversary at their home with the immediate family present. They have a son, Aaron, aged eight years; and a daughter, Deena Reesa, four. Mrs. Deitcher is the former Miss Dorothy Ann Abugov, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Abugov, 5809 Plantagenet Avenue. Mr. Deitcher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Deitcher, 2025 Kent Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jone Wisgardisky, 981 One Hundredth Avenue, Chomedey, were hosts to one hundred guests, at a buffet supper, at their home, to celebrate the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lily Wisgardisky, to George Sorger, son of Mrs. Josza Sorger, 1470 Van Horne Avenue, and the late Roszo Sorger. Mrs. Wisgardisky wore a black, crepe dress; with a white orchid corsage. Mrs. Sorger was in a black, brocade dress; with a white, and mauve orchid corsage. Miss Wisgardisky, the bride-elect, wearing a sleeveless, blue, crepe dress, had a corsage of white carnations. The table decoration was a centrepiece of white carnations, and red roses. Mr. and Mrs. Shallom Lewin, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., brother-in-law, and sister, of the bride-elect; and Leslie Vadasz, of San Francisco, Calif., cousin of the groom; were here for the celebration. The marriage will take place on September 3, 1967, at Beth El Synagogue.

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MONTREAL MEETINGS

(Montreal Meetings are on Pages Three and Four)

★ MIZRACHI WOMEN ★

Organization: Three hundred delegates from across Canada will attend the 23rd national convention, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, December 9 to 12. Mrs. I. I. Lieff, of Montreal, national president, will report, at the official opening. The principal speaker will be Dr. Josef Burg, Israel's minister of Social Welfare. Convention chairman is Mrs. L. J. Novick, a teacher at the Jewish Peretz School. The theme is, "Unity through understanding the aims and purpose of Mizrachi, the Jewish position in the world today, and the Israeli scene and where Mizrachi fits in". Co-chairmen are Mrs. M. Small and Mrs. J. J. Fromm. Mrs. Leon Grahame, of London, England, co-chairman of the organization in Britain and Ireland, will be a guest speaker. Born in Poland and educated in Vienna, she is a sociologist and studied child psychology at the University of Vienna. Mrs. M. Star, national treasurer, will report on finance. Chairmen of various committees are; Mesdames B. Lechter, nominating; H. Nainer, M. Chesley (Toronto) and J. J. Elites, ways and means; J. L. Gewurz, hospitality; M. Wigdor, program; for sessions of men and women; H. Bessin (national chairman, Ottawa) worshop on membership; A. Garmaise, workshop on programming; S. Cohen, arrangements; N. Mendelson, credentials, delegates, and observers; S. M. Zambrowsky, sub-committee, United Jewish Appeal.

★ SHAAR HASHOMAYIM ★

Synagogue, Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat: Joseph Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Aspler, 615 Roslyn Avenue, will be called to the Reading of the Torah in celebration of his Bar Mitzvah on November 26. Dr. Solomon Frank, Rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, will speak on "Social Responsibility: Law Or Love?" on November 27, at 10.30 a.m., for the Breakfast Forum of the Men's Association. Louis Sheinman, will preside. Breakfast host is David Litner. Mrs. Wilfred Shuchat will give a Torah Fund luncheon in honour of "Kosch" donors on November 30, at 12.30 p.m. Chairman of the Torah Fund is Mrs. Nathan Mendelson. The concluding session of the Judaica Institute of Arts and Letters is on November 30, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. Abrasha Stilman will speak on "Jewish Humour And Satire". On exhibit will be Arthur Szyk's satiric works from the private collection of Norman H. Friedman. Dr. George J. Strean is chairman of the Extension Activities Committee. General chairman of the Institute is Lawrence Lande.

★ BNAI BRITH WOMEN ★

Davis Chapter Number 1194 Auction and fashion show is on December 6, at 7.30 p.m., at the Town Hall, of the Town of Mount Royal, 90 Roosevelt Avenue. The theme is an "Old Country Auction". Hostesses, to be announced, will wear "granny gowns" will serve refreshments; and the ensembles will be modelled, and auctioned. There will be antiques and art items. The door prize is a week for two at the Fontainebleau Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida. For tickets, call Mrs. Archie Katz, 489-6009. Conveners are: Mesdames Alvin Deskin; Irving Gore, merchandise; Sidney Greenberg, hostess; Leon Segal, boutique; Jay Finiffter, publicity; Harvey Lechter, door-prizes; Hersh Waxman, depot; David Keeb, catalogue; Samuel Goldberg, models; Alton Bregman, decor; T. Warren, Harry Shapiro; commentators. Mrs. I. Gordon is president; Mesdames Edward Albert, Harry Shapiro, Seymour Mendelman; vice-presidents. Montreal Chapter Number 257 meet on November 30, at 8.30 p.m., at the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel. Jacques Pinault, liaison officer of the Union Nationa; Party will speak. Mrs. Ella Shachter is president; Mrs. Mildred Helfield, publicity. Mrs. Aaron Genser will introduce the speaker.

★ BETH ZION ★

Synagogue Sisterhood donor luncheon is on December 13, at 12.30 p.m. Mrs. Alex Slapcoff is president; Mesdames Nathan Shuster, Sol Berger, Harry Kramer, Samuel Ungar are conveners. There will be a drawing of a Color Fleetwood Television.

★ ALLIED JEWISH ★

Community Services and these constituent members: Golden Age Association, Maimonides Hospital And Home For The Aged, the Jewish General Hospital, Geriatric Clinic, Baron de Hirsch Institute, and Jewish Vocational Service, are planning a conference on Community Care For The Aged for December 4, at 493 Sherbrooke Street West; and December 5, at the Jewish General Hospital, to share the experiences gained in the field of community care of the aged by various hospitals, clinics, and agencies on the Island of Montreal; to determine the needed services not now available; to explore the need for extending present facilities and services and the method of making improved use of all community facilities and professional skills. Jean-Paul Cloutier Minister of Family and Social Welfare of Quebec will be guest speaker on December 4. Present will be professionals interested in the field of aging, staff members and members of Boards of Directors from social agencies, recreational facilities, hospitals, and hospital clinics on the Island of Montreal. This meeting will be truly bilingual by using simultaneous translation for formal presentations and selecting bilingual group leaders for workshop meetings. All papers presented will be translated and copies in French and English will be available prior to the meeting which opens with a luncheon. Prior to this, there will be a tour of various facilities. Monday will be devoted to workshops: Study of 300 Members of Golden Age Clubs; George Kantrowitz, A.J.C.S.; Survey Of Needs And Facilities, Miss Hazeldine Bishop, Joint Project, Montreal Council of Social Agencies and Conseil des Oeuvres; Home Help Project, Miss Betty Eggen, Victorian Order of Nurses. Home Medical Care, Dr. Benoit Charlevoix, Hopital Ste-Jeanne d'Arc; Meals-On-Wheels, Mrs. R. E. Stavert, St. Matthew's Church; Home Visiting, La Societe des Infirmieres Visiteuses; Home Medical Care (Psychiatric), Dr. N. R. Ahlbom, Montreal General Hospital. The Effect Of Aging On Ability To Work, Dr. Alfred Feintuch, Jewish Vocational Service; Engagement And Disengagement of Elderly People, Marc Cabilio, Societe de Service Social aux Familles; Family Agency Services To Isolated Older People In The Community; Mrs. B. Schwartzmann, Family Service Association of Montreal; Use Of Older People As Volunteers, Mrs. Florence Kirshner, Golden Age Association; Day Centres For The Aged, Rene Beisle, Department of Recreation, City of Montreal; Legal Aid For Older People, R. E. Parsons, attorney; Senior Citizens' Forum Clubs, Mrs. Martha Allaire, Senior Citizens Forum, La Centre Geriatrique Psychiatric, Dr. Paul Hus, Hopital St. Jean de Dieu; Study Of Nursing Homes, Dr. J. R. D. Bayne, Queen Mary Veterans' Hospital; Miss Shirley Rollnick, Jewish General Hospital. Occupational Therapy With Aged, Out-Patients, Mrs. Sonia Zaretsky, Jewish General Hospital; Maladies Chroniques et Signes Metabolique, Hygiene Preventative, Dr. E. Laurendeau, Hopital Notre-Dame de la Merci. Chronic Disease And The Geriatric Patient, Dr. Leonard Jackson, Grace Dart Hospital; A Day Centre At A Geriatric Hospital, Dr. Stanley Goldstein, Maimonides Hospital And Home For The Aged; Psycho-Social, Training, And Occupational Training; Aspects of Pre-discharged Paraplegic Patients, Dr. G. Gingras and staff, Rehabilitation Institute of Montreal. All workshops will be conducted in both the French and English languages. A pre-holiday exhibit and sale of handicrafts, made by residents of Maimonides Hospital and Home for the Aged, will be held at the hospital, 5795 Caldwell Avenue, on Sunday, November 27, from 1.30 to 5 p.m.; and on Monday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Samuel Moskovitch, Q. C., Mayor of Cote St. Luc, will officially open the exhibit on Sunday at 2 p.m.

★ HOSPITAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL ★

A. Barkoon-H. Waxman Unit met at the home of Mrs. H. Rabinovitch, 4891 Harvard Avenue. Mrs. D. Blank, president, presided. Mrs. D. Blank, the former Mrs. H. Waxman, 3344 Seventeenth Avenue, Laval West, donated to the Golden Book honouring her recent marriage. Mr. and Mrs. H. Diamond, 5520 Mountain Sights Avenue, donated to the Golden Book in honour of the bar-mitzvah of their grandson, David Siegler, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Diamond, 55 Sunnyside Avenue. The raffle was won by Mrs. H. Lenetsky, who gave a donation. Mrs. I. Sheinfield thanked the hostess. At another meeting Mrs. J. Kurland, 4504 Wilson Avenue, was hostess. Mrs. P. Lenetsky, vice-president, presided. Mrs. R. Gasol won the raffle and gave a donation. Mrs. J. Libben thanked the hostess. Mrs. H. Diamond was hostess at a meeting at her home. Mrs. D. Blank presided. Mr. and Mrs. Diamond gave a donation to the Golden Book in honour of the bar-mitzvah of their grandson, Stephen Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Blumer, 4885 Borden Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldman, 42 Heath Road, donated to the Golden Book honouring the engagement of their daughter, Miss Roberta Goldman, to Larry Grosser, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Grosser, 4832 Mackenzie Street. Mrs. A. Melnitzer won the raffle and gave a donation. Mrs. A. Fox thanked the hostess. Mrs. R. Gasol was hostess at a meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Diamond. Mrs. P. Lenetsky presided. George J. Reisz, director of the Hospital, spoke on its progress; Mrs. A. Anderson won the raffle and gave a donation. Mrs. D. Blank thanked the hostess. The meeting on December 6, at 2.00 p.m., is at the home of Mrs. M. Kaufman, 2850 Van Horne Avenue.

★David Ebner, 4885 St. Catherine Road, a student at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, in New York, has been awarded a fellowship for one year of graduate study in the field of Rabbinics.

★ CANADIAN TECHNION ★

Society Women's Division: Mrs. H. Friefeld, 3261 Cedar Avenue, will be hostess to members and friends at a Scholarship luncheon, at her home, on December 6, at 12.30. Laurier Lapierre will speak on "The Uses Of Democracy". Proceeds go to sponsoring students at the Technological University, in Haifa, Israel. Mrs. M. Hyman is publicity chairman.

★TEMPLE EMANU-EL★

Dr. Harry J. Stern, Rabbi; Rabbi Jay B. Goldburg, Assistant Rabbi: On November 25, at 8.15 p.m., Dr. Stern will speak on "Israel Is Thy Name." Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush reception. On Saturday, at 11.30 a.m., comment on Torah Portion by Rabbi Goldburg. At both services Andrew Loeb, son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Sulkin, 1499 St-Clare Road, will be called to the Reading of the Torah in observance of his Bar Mitzvah. Sisterhood brides and luncheon, on November 30, at 12.15, has as ticket chairman Mrs. Sydney Lithwick. President is Mrs. Paul M. Levee. Also a home cookery sale will be held. Chairmen are: Mesdames Percy Abelson, Abe Ofshitzer, Harold Gittleson. Judaica Gift Shop will be open on November 28 and December 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Chairmen are: Mesdames Joseph J. Cooper, Neil Phillips, Alfred Zion. On December 13, at 7 p.m., the annual Youth Chanukah party will have a Roman Catholic Youth Group as guests. This Friday evening, a group of Jesuit Seminarians, led by Dr. Jean Ouellette, S.J., will participate in the service. Led by Rev. Father Bernard Sloan, a group from the Grand Seminary will attend. Dr. Stern will meet these groups for a question period after Sabbath Service.

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★HOSPITAL OF HOPE★

Unit meeting November 28, at 8.00 p.m. is: Esther Caplan, Mrs. E. Mendelovitch and Mrs. S. Serebuk, conveners. Unit meeting November 29, at 12.00 noon, is: Rachel Fruma Takefman, luncheon, at the home of Mrs. J. Goldstein, 4965 Carlton Avenue; at 8.00 p.m., are: I. J. Borrin, at the home of Mrs. S. Finkelberg, 4885 Montclair Avenue; Margolick at the home of Mrs. B. Ralph, 217 Dufferin Road. Unit meeting November 30, at 8.00 p.m., is: Fraid-Phil. Cohen, at the home of Mrs. B. Belfman, 4650 Plamondon Street. Unit meeting December 1, at 1.00 p.m., is: Chaim Revzen-Yoisef Altman, at the home of Mrs. Ida Segal, 5155 Prince of Wales Avenue; at 8.00 p.m., are: Heslin Berson and Rose Moss, at the home of Mrs. S. Sibales, 2700 Bedford Road; Ethel and Max Rostrogovitch, at the home of Mrs. B. Galganov, 719 Harvard Avenue, Chomedey. Ethel and Max Rostrogovitch Unit met at the home of Mrs. S. Pines, 5709 Plantagenet Avenue; Brian Tanenbaum, at the home of Mrs. H. B. Tanenbaum, 5250 Musset Street; Tikvah-Katz Mindlin at the home of Mrs. Ada Skoll, 6822 Mountain Sights Avenue.

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TORONTO MEETINGS

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★ HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE ★

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut: The newly-formed Kerin Ami Council, representing each class in the pre-confirmation department, of the Religious School, elected Isabel Stark, chairman; Lloyd Alter, vice-chairman; Robynn Borins, treasurer; and Paula Gordon, secretary. Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut: Morris Cooper is chairman of prayer service, conducted by members. In October, Norman Borenstein, E. James Cooper, Harold Hands, Monte Kwinter, Donald Rafelman and Wilfred Sarner, took part. Frederick Bokman, Maxwell Cole and Morley Pape, sang the cantor's portions. On Tuesday, November 29, at the Brotherhood dinner meeting will be held, Dr. Morton Shulman, chief coroner, will be guest speaker. On January 10, at 6.30 p.m., the speaker of the Brotherhood dinner meeting will be the Honorable Mitchell Sharp, Minister of Finance. David Gordon is Brotherhood president. Earl A. Farber is chairman of the Chanukah Ball, on Saturday, December 10. Mrs. A. M. Winton is chairman of arrangements. A reception will be held before the dinner at 6.30 p.m.; and the dinner will be at 7.30 p.m.

★ TORONTO LEUKEMIA FIGHTERS ★

Will hold their annual autumn tea, at the home of Mrs. Harry Solomon, 26 Dunloe Road, from 1 to 5 p.m., on Sunday, November 27. Receiving with the conveners Mrs. A. Sherman and Mrs. D. Glickman, will be Mrs. Fred Greenbaum, president. All proceeds of the tea will go to Leukemia research.

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Lodge No. 2: Ladies Auxiliary meeting, at the home of Mrs. M. Karp, 172 Searle Avenue, had as co-hostess, Mrs. H. Greenspan, 487 Wilson Avenue. Mrs. H. Berkan, president, presided. Mrs. J. Swartz, recording secretary, read the minutes. An Israeli movie was shown. An executive meeting will be on November 27, at the home of Mrs. A. Segal, 98 Allingham Gardens.

★ BNAI ISRAEL BETH DAVID ★

Synagogue, Rabbi Albert Pappenheim: Young Adult, Atid Group, held the opening meeting. The program was "Should We Form Our Own Ghettos?" Participating were: Marshall Green, and Kenneth Cohen; Rabbi Pappenheim, moderator. The officers are: Cyril Troster, president; Misses Sharon Cohen and Ruth Gerlzbein, vice-presidents; and Murray Title, secretary-treasurer. Miss Gerlzbein was co-ordinator. Members of the Church of the Ascension, Anglican Church, Don Mills, visited the Synagogue. At the Sisterhood general meeting, Mrs. Samuel Shulman, 326 Brighton Avenue, president, presided. Mrs. Jack Graham, 220 Parkholme Avenue, read the D'Var Torah. Mrs. Abraham Wagman, 595 Brookdale Avenue, recording secretary, read the minutes. Reports were given by: Mesdames Lillian Romm, 194 Waterloo Avenue, sunshine; Arthur Rose, 47 Dewlane Drive, school relations; Joseph Steiner, 4 Bonnacord Drive, membership vice-president; Theodore Bloom, 4222 Bathurst Street, tea convener; Joseph Goldberg, 3 Goldfinch Court, rummage sale chairman; Sidney Brody, 475 Wilson Avenue, mitzvah supper chairman; and Leo Fenson, 25 Locknere Terrace, of "Books and Bagels" day. Mrs. Robert Kay, vice-president of the Ontario Branch of the National Women's League, and a member of the Sisterhood, spoke on the "Friendship Night", of November 28. Mrs. Shulman, president, introduced the program, in the absence of Mrs. Reuben Marks, 37 Wigan Crescent. The next meeting will be a Chanukah luncheon, on December 6. Mrs. Samuel Shulman, president, is luncheon chairman.

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THE TREFA BANQUET

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"error" had not diminished his popularity.

Rabbi Wise, a member of the order, reproduced the full menu in the *American Israelite* and noted that it was "printed on a silk scroll, similar in form to that upon which the Jewish law is written." Readers of the *Deborah* were reminded that everything consumed at Eureka Hall was kosher "except the oysters."

That same month Grand Lodge No. 4 of *Kesher Shel Barzel*, another fraternal order, met in Cleveland and dined on oysters, lobsters, and similar delicacies. Continuing its offensive, the *Israelite* reprinted this menu as well, and reminded its readers that it was *not by accident* that members of both orders had consumed oysters on the half-shell.

"Ebn Samiel," the *Israelite's* Chicago correspondent, predicted that the serving of oysters in Cincinnati would "undoubtedly become occasion for new assaults" against the president of Hebrew Union College.

In the name of Chicago Jews, he offered to take the blame for this "second mortal sin against the Jewish stomach" on the grounds that the convention's presiding officer had been from Chicago, and Chicago Jews had been the first to entertain Jewish conventions at non-Jewish hotels.

Why feign compliance to dietary laws in public when no one observed them privately? "The new Judaism has a right to assert itself," he concluded. "And in the very publicity of such occasions, we want to show our face."

In April 1884, Wise's quarrel with his critics led to his censure by Congregation Rodef Sholem of Philadelphia.

A "memorial" adopted at a general meeting and sent to the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, accused him of lacking "scholarly earnestness, dignity and respect for the worth and character of others," and asserted that his public utterances as president of Hebrew Union College gave "grounds for alarm concerning the example set to its students for the ministry."

The indictment singled out an *American Israelite* editorial of July 27, 1883 — concerning the "*trefa* banquet" — and objected to the "low tone" of Wise's remarks about rabbis and the Jewish press.

Eventually, the charges were referred to a committee of five, appointed by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The committee rejected the complaints as attempted censorship of a newspaperman's "forcible and vigourous" prose and cleared Wise by noting that his labors entitled him to warmest support, high esteem, and personal respect.

Though the editor of the *American Hebrew* (July 18, 1884) called the committee's report a "whitewash" of Wise, the latter informed the readers of *Die Deborah* that the "crusade" against him had ended with his exoneration. In point of fact, the schism between Wise and his critics was in no way mended by his "exoneration." In this connection, it suffices to cite three important dates from the historical record.

In 1885, a group of Eastern Reform rabbis met in Pittsburgh and successfully challenged Rabbi Wise's leadership; in 1887, the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York was established as a rival rabbinical training school to the Hebrew Union College; and in 1889 the Central Conference of American Rabbis — an organization of conservative Reform rabbis — was set up.

Such, then, were the after-effects of the "*treja* banquet." Returning now to the event itself, we may note that the whole rancorous feud over the observance of the dietary laws occurred at a time when many American Jews had already ceased to observe *kashruth*.

Among other things, the Highland House dinner is a nearly perfect expression of the assimilationist tendencies among American Jews in the 19th century, especially among German Jews. So strong was the propensity of the members of the Banquet Committee to regard conformity to Gentile norms as an unquestioned virtue, that they deliberately chose to make an issue of serving *trefa* food in public.

It must be admitted that their choice showed a good deal of sociological awareness, for the adoption of the majority culture's food customs has always been one of the first and most significant means of a minority group's assimilation. Conversely, the retention of food preferences and prohibitions continues even today to provide a ready index for the degree of cultural pluralism that is to be found on the American scene.

Yet for all their assimilationist yearnings, the wealthy Cincinnati Jews who arranged the Highland House Dinner chose to remain Jews. Therefore, they required an appropriate theological justification for abrogating *kashruth*, and this is precisely what Rabbi Wise provided for them.

One fo his biographers has concluded that Wise's method of interpretation of the Pentateuch probably gave him sanction for whatever he wished to advocate respecting the dietary laws. According to this approach, oysters, apparently the high-status food for 19th-century American Reform Jews — today it has been replaced by the shrimp cocktail — could be (and were) proved to be both kosher and *trefa* by Rabbi Wise at different times in his long career.

Rabbi Wise's own motives in all this are not clear. He himself remained an observer of *kashruth*, and we do not know whether he approved of the actions of his congregants, or whether he merely felt constrained to defend his employers. What is clear, however, is that he used his considerable talents to furnish a rationalization for those who found *kashruth* a burden. Thus, at the conclusion of a series of lectures on "Dietary Laws and Sanitary Measures" in 1883, he said:

Whoever wants to be more or most conscientious in these matters, and surround these Mosaic laws with the rabbinical "fences" is certainly doing right if he is conscientious in the matter, and thinks he does all that in order to worship God and obey his laws. But he who does not submit to all those ordinances, and is guided by the simple directions of Moses in this matter, is certainly no sinner, and may be a true and faithful son or daughter of the Covenant. There is a law which stands higher than all dietary laws, and that is "Be no fanatic," which translated in our vulgar language would sound somewhat like this: "Be intelligent, and allow your reason to govern your passions, propensities and superstitions."

A study of the "*treja* banquet" inevitably leads to a somewhat altered portrait of Rabbi Wise, who has hitherto been considered as a *moderate* Reformer. At least in this affair, he fought back stubbornly, tactlessly, and with a zeal seemingly out of all proportion to the cause at issue.

His editorials reveal a man apparently neither caring for nor understanding the deep hold of traditional practice on his fellow Jews, a doctrinaire Reformer zealous to bring Judaism into line with American customs and apparently blind to the fact that attacks on others' habits and preferences are bound to create controversies which appeals to reason cannot resolve.

All this was long ago, as the following incident will make clear. In March of 1965 I presented a paper on the "*trefa* banquet" at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society in Cincinnati. Greeting the delegates at a dinner meeting, Dr. Nelson Glueck, President of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, remarked that the repast about to be served, though catered, was strictly kosher. Times do change — and so does Reform Judaism.

GRUESOME CLOUD

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Now it is twenty-one years after the end of the war and Bonn still has found no comfortable way to deal with these problems.

Chancellor Erhard was well aware of Dr. Pfitzer's background but nonetheless intended to install him as head of the Chancellery office, which is probably the highest position open to a civil servant in West Germany.

The Chancellor saw nothing improper about choosing a former member of the SS and Nazi party for the position. No one had complained about him for more than twenty years.

Another high-ranking civil servant, a friend of Dr. Pfitzer's, put it this way:

"Pfitzer was a German like a million other Germans during the Third Reich. He was no hero; he just wanted to survive in a totalitarian country."

TORONTO ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Victor A. Wise, 248 Woodland Drive, Oakville, Ontario, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Eva Miriam Wise, to Morris Rosen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rosen, 67 Marmion Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zigelstein, 168 Pannahill Road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Paula Susan Zigelstein, to Erwin Elliot Spetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Spetter, 149 Alameda Avenue.

MONTREAL ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Stein, 2207 Victor Dore Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Naomi Stein, to Bernard Zinman, son of A. L. Zinman, 4865 Goyer Street, and the late Mrs. Zinman.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Benjamin, 2405 Decelles Place, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Eleanor Benjamin, to Gerald Glantz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Glantz, 580 Gratton Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Birch, 5714 Leger Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Judy Birch, to Allan Michelin, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Silverstone, 7043 Guelph Road. The marriage will take place on February 26, 1967, at Shomrim Laboker Synagogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Adelson, 4737 Westmount Boulevard, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Suzan Rebekah Adelson, to Jean Silver, of Montreal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Josef Silver, of Nice, France. The marriage will take place in June, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Jacobson, 4710 Mackenzie Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Hedda Jacobson, to Philip Franklin Gotlieb, son of John J. Gotlieb, Q. C., and Mrs. Gotlieb, 5913 Grosvenor Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Bloome, 464 Glengarry Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marilynne Lois Bloome, to David Lewis Prupas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Prupas, 3842 Kent Avenue. The marriage will take place on June 22, 1967, at Chevra Kadisha Bnai Jacob Synagogue.

The engagement of Miss Frances Adler, daughter of Issie Adler, 723 Eighty-First Avenue, Chomedey, and the late Mrs. Lily Adler, to Herbert Noik, son of Jacob Noik, 441 Durham Terrace, and the late Mrs. Mildred Noik, is announced. The marriage will take place on March 19, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shoot, 15 Robingrove Road, Toronto, Ont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lynne Karen Shoot, to Marvin Tkatch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tkatch, 5791 Fermcroft Road, Montreal.

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Professor Seymour Joshua Langer, of the Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Langer, 372 Brooke Avenue; and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wiseberg (Glorina), and Eric Allen, and Barbara Heidi, 15 Garthdale Court, prior to his trip to Israel for a month, where he was the guest of the Keren Hayesod and met with S. Agranat, president of the Supreme Court of Israel; Justice Chaim Cohen, of the Supreme Court of Israel; and B. Akzin, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Hebrew University, of Jerusalem. He also visited with cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Socolovsky, of Tel-Aviv, Israel, whom he met for the first time. Professor Langer took a four-week holiday to London, England; Paris, France; Stockholm, Sweden; Germany; Holland; Greece, and Rome, Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle S. Iverson, and Tamara and Hanna-Beth, formerly of 315 Lonsdale Avenue, have moved to a new home at 103 Vesta Drive.

Mrs. Naomi Ezekiel, of Sydney, Australia, visited with her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Urbach and new-born, Ruth Gita, of London, England, formerly of Toronto.

In Montreal, Quebec, for the bar-mitzvah of Howard Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silverman, 4952 Mackenzie Street, who was called to the Reading of the Law, at Young Israel Synagogue of St. Laurent, were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Meirovitch, 1309 Wilson Avenue, uncle, and aunt; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meirovitch, 167 Marlee Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meirovitch, 183 Sentinel Street; and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Meirovitch, 1303 Wilson Avenue; all cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Polan, 58 Stonedene Boulevard, returned from a trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jonas, 688 Woburn Avenue, are on a five-month trip to Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Alter, formerly of 12 Corwin Crescent, have moved to a new home, at 35 Foxwarren Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weisbrod, of Crystal Beach, Ontario, visited with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zeidenberg, and Mark, Jerry, Lisa, David and Barry, and the new-born, Neil Raymond, 190 Hilda Avenue.

Here for the bar-mitzvah of Ira Joel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davidson, 12 Appian Drive, who was called to the Reading of the Law, in honour of his bar-mitzvah, at Hebrew Men of England Synagogue, were: Reverend and Mrs. Abraham Shizgal, the grandparents; uncles, and aunts: Mr. and Mrs. Gabor Altmann, and Esther, Jeffrey, and Howard; Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Hirsch, and Fraya, Ellen, and Marcie; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril B. Ducoffe, and Robert, and Stuart; and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Enkin, and Esther, cousins; all of Montreal, Quebec; Morris Shizgal, of New York; and Rabbi Sender Shizgal, of Philadelphia, Pa.; uncles.

Mrs. Lazar Glickman, 821 Pratt Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, visited her son, and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Morton J. Glickman, and Jay Howard, Stephen Barry, and new-born daughter, Jodi, 18 York Valley Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feldman, 1442 Page Street, Montreal, Quebec, visited their son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hersh H. Gordon, and new-born son, Mark Steven, 540 Sheppard Avenue West.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Craft, 7 Mandel Crescent, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sonin, 4617 Kensington Avenue, Montreal, Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rose, 7 Madoc Drive, entertained on the occasion of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elaine Linda Rose, to Allan Charles Rubinoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Rubinoff, 242 Wilmington Avenue. Miss Rose is the granddaughter of Mrs. Fanny Swartz, 379 Lawrence Avenue West; and of Mrs. Sarah Rosenstein, 2900 Bathurst Street. Those present were: Arthur Rose, the brother of the bride-to-be; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Swartz, 307 Brooke Avenue, brother-in-law and sister of the bride-to-be; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rose, 3021 Bathurst Street, brother and sister-in-law of the bride-to-be; Mrs. Annie Grossman, 175 Augusta Avenue, and Mrs. Rifka Applebaum, 57 Fraserwood Drive, great-aunts of the bride-to-be; Mr. and Mrs. Manning Swartz, and Ronald Swartz and Miss Audrey Swartz, 249 Hillhurst Boulevard; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Swartz, 57 Hallsport Crescent; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Swartz, 15 Rockford Road; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Saltzberg, and Stanley Saltzberg, 351 Lonsdale Road; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rose, 341 Sandringham Drive; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dubin, 156 Shelbourne Avenue, uncles and aunts of the bride-to-be; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Swartz, 249 Hillhurst Boulevard, cousins of the bride-to-be; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Swartz, 3311 Bathurst Street; Mr. and Mrs. Mac Ellis, 650 Roselawn Avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kantor, 1246 Bloor Street West; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Oslinger, 738 Briar Hill Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. David Stein, 335 Hillhurst Boulevard; and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Tanner, 62 Cadillac Avenue, uncles and aunts to the groom-to-be.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weshler, 415 Patricia Avenue, entertained on the occasion of the sixteenth birthday of their daughter, Natalie Rosalyn; sister of Rhonda, aged eleven years; granddaughter of Mrs. Gertrude Adler, 1440 Poirier Street, and of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weshler, 1460 Poirier Street, all of Montreal, Quebec. Mrs. Michael Weshler received in a brocaded gown, made of a Japanese kimona; and had an orchid wristlet. Mrs. Adler, grandmother, wore a purple and silver lame gown; and a rosebud wristlet. Mrs. Samuel Weshler, grandmother, wore a purple and silver soie gown and a rosebud wristlet. Rhonda wore a pink dress. Natalie Rosalyn wore a long dress of turquoise-blue and metallic; and had a white carnation wristlet. Those who lit candles to mark the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weshler, parents; and Rhonda, sister; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weshler and Mrs. Gertrude Adler, grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. J. Shears, 1585 Dufferin Street; and Mr. and Mrs. M. Duclosky, 4811 Churchill Place, of Montreal, Quebec, uncles and aunts; Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Birenbaum, 1 Viamede Crescent; Mr. and Mrs. Saul OrenSach, 5950 Bathurst Street; Mr. and Mrs. J. Eidelman, 2110 Noel Street, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Sheetman, 2425 Mantha Street; of Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. J. Galvin, of Cleveland, Ohio; Misses Susan Frank, of Montreal, Quebec; Celia Collins and Margaret Bergamo and Howard Berlin, Steven Witkin and Jacob Atteslander. The tables were decorated with red, tablecloths, and pink napkins; and centrepieces of pink and red, and white carnations; combined with rosebuds, in white candleholders.

BAR-MITZVAHS

Shael Harley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Steinberg, 138 Kennard Avenue, will be called to the Reading of the Law, in honour of his bar-mitzvah, on December 17, at Beth Radom Synagogue. He is the brother of Allen, aged eleven and one-half years; and of Lee, five and one-half years; grandson of Mrs. Anne Shoom, 138 Kennard Avenue, and the late Louis Shoom; and of Mrs. Faye Steinberg, 165 Alexis Boulevard, and the late Morris Steinberg.

Ira Joel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davidson, 12 Appian Drive, was called to the Reading of the Law, in honour of his bar-mitzvah, at Hebrew Men of England Synagogue. He is the brother of Joyce, aged fifteen years; grandson of Reverend and Mrs. Abraham Shizgal, 2297 Goyer Street, Montreal, Quebec. Kiddush was observed.

MARRIAGES

WEINBERG - STEIN

The marriage of Miss Tziporah Stein, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Stein, of Wickliffe, Ohio, to Mattisyohu Weinberg, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Jacob S. Weinberg, 11 Goldfinch Gardens, was solemnized at Telshe Yeshiva, in Wickliffe, Ohio, on November 8, by Rabbi J. I. Ruberman, Dean of Ner Israel Rabbinical College, Baltimore, Maryland; Rabbi Herman Neuberger, of Ner Israel Yeshiva College; Rabbi S. Kotler, of Lakewood Yeshiva, Lakewood, New Jersey; and Rabbi G. A. Pincus, of Torah V'aadoth Yeshiva. The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore a white, lace empire gown; with a round neckline; and full length sleeves; and a fitted bodice; and a bell-shaped skirt, to which was attached a twenty-two-foot-long train. Her tulle illusion veil was placed by a crown of embroidered and scattered pearls; and her bouquet was of white baby orchids. Miss Aviva Weinberg, sister of the groom, was maid of honour. She wore a gold-coloured metallic gown; with beaded sleeves and collar; and matching headpiece; and she carried a cascade bouquet of yellow roses. Miss Yehudit Weinberg, sister of the groom; and Miss Shoshana Stein, sister of the bride, were bridesmaids. They wore deep-green, velvet, empire gowns, with matching green, satin sashes; and matching headpieces; and they carried bouquets of green-tinted and white rosebuds. Naomi Weinberg, aged seven years, sister of the groom, carried the bride's train. She wore a long dress of moss green velvet; with a pink satin sash; and a pink panel at the side of dress; and a matching pink headpiece of rosettes, haped in a coronet. Benjamin Stein, of Wickliffe, Ohio, brother of the bride, was best man. Sholom and Yehuda Stein, brothers of the bride; and Simcha Weinberg, brother of the groom, were ushers. Eight hundred guests were received. Mrs. Chaim Stein, mother of the bride, wore a pale green, crepe gown, with a beaded neckline and sleeves; and head-dress. Mrs. Jacob S. Weinberg, mother of the groom, wore a beige, peau de soie gown; with a light brown chiffon train; and matching headdress. They each carried a long candle. Mr. and Mrs. Mattisyohu Weinberg spent their wedding trip in Niagara Falls; the bride travelling in a two-piece, plum-coloured, wool suit; and an orchid corsage. They have taken up residence in Jerusalem, Israel. Out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Botnick, 339 Hillhurst Boulevard; Mr. and Mrs. Max Grubner, 120 Cocksfield Avenue; Mrs. Kurt Rothschild, 160 Viewmount Avenue; Mrs. E. Hochman, 10 Glen Grove Avenue; Mrs. A. Amsel, and Miss Tovia Amsel, 38 Wilmington Avenue; Mrs. A. Forgang, 11 Goldfinch Court; Mr. and Mrs. M. Nussbaum, 45 Hillcrest Drive; Moishe Nussbaum and Mordechai Nussbaum, 78 Hillcrest Drive; Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Lebovic, 120 Shelbourne Avenue; Rabbi S. Stephansky, 56 Bannockburn Avenue; Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Weinberg, 50 Bannockburn Avenue; Rabbi David Goodman, 2700 Bathurst Street; Rabbi and Mrs. N. Rabinovitch, 20 Midvale Court; Mr. and Mrs. I. Wagner, and Miss Rochelle Wagner, 42 York Downs Drive; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Landau, 8 Austin Crescent; Rabbi C. Nussbaum, 40 Fairholme Avenue; Rabbi S. K. Weinberg, 20 Bannockburn Avenue; Rabbi and Mrs. David Cohen, 731 Finch Avenue West; Mr. and Mrs. Berko, Devor, 31 Vesta Drive; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Richmond, 201 St. Clair Avenue; and Miss Honey Wurzberger, 151 Marlee Avenue; Rabbi U. Turin, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hofstedter, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bloeman, Gershon Weinstock, A. Feinstat, and Miss Chaya Feinstat; Mrs. C. Bercowitz, Mr. and Mrs. N. Annesto, Harry Rubin, A. Rubin, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Silver, all of Toronto.

BIRTHS

Born, to Rabbi and Mrs. David Powell (nee Adrienne Paknadel), 11 Bidewell Avenue, on October 29, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Simone Miriam; sister of Marie, aged six years; and of Michael, three; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Powell, 68 Fifeshire Drive; and of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Paknadel. Rabbi Powell is director of the Anti-Defamation League of Bnai Brith.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bramson (nee Lorraine Meyers), 12 Goldfinch Court, on October 26, at the Toronto General Hospital, a son, Allen Stuart; grandson of Mrs. Bertha Bramson, 3192 Linton Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, and the late Alexander Bramson; and of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Meyers, 127 McGillivray Avenue; great-grandson of Mrs. Sophie Yashinsky, 127 McGillivray Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Glickman (nee Barbara Soles), 18 York Valley Crescent, on November 9, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Jodi; sister of Jay Howard, aged three years; and Stephen Barry, twenty-two months; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lazar Glickman, 821 Pratt Avenue, Montreal Quebec; and of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Soles, 10 Shallmar Boulevard.

Born, to Rabbi and Mrs. Jordan Pearlson (nee Geraldine Goldstein), 2 Carnwath Crescent, on November 11, at the Toronto General Hospital, a daughter, Abigail; sister of Joshua, aged five years; and Nessa, four; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pearlson, of Somerville, Mass.; and of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goldstein, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Barrett (nee Lenore Lorie), 27 Fraserwood Avenue, on October 21, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a son, Jeffrey Stuart; brother of Steven, aged seven years; and of Robert, five and one-half; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lorie, 613 Lonsdale Road; and of Mr. and Mrs. Max Barrett, 2601 Bathurst Street. Godfather is M. Milrad, 6 Lawnhurst Avenue. Max Barrett, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Charles Breslow (nee Beverley Dunkelman), 3 Kingsbridge Court, on November 1 at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Risa Sarita; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Breslow, 94 Chiltern Hill Road; and of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dunkelman, 68 Laurelcrest Avenue; great-granddaughter of Mrs. Rebecca Rotstein, 94 Chiltern Hill Road; and of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hoffman, 68 Laurelcrest Avenue; great-great-granddaughter of Mrs. Malka Rotstein, 3650 Bathurst Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Hersh H. Gordon (nee Molly Feldman, formerly of Montreal, Quebec), 540 Sheppard Avenue West, on October 14, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a son, Mark Steven; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feldman, 1442 Page Street, Montreal; and of Mrs. Morrie Rose, 146 Castlefield Avenue, and the late Moishe Gordon. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Itzkovitch, cousins, 4 Mascot Place.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sherman (nee Thelma Daiter), 376 Winette Avenue, on October 13, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a son, Gary Samuel; brother of Elise Marla, aged eleven months; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Daiter, 64 Kensington Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Hymie Sherman, 203 Borden Street; great-grandson of Mrs. Clara Corbett, 390 Markham Street; and of Max Sherman, 3560 Bathurst Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Guta (nee Linda Silverstein), 4 Mascot Place, on October 3, at the Branson Hospital, a daughter, Susan Lee; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Silverstein, 3888 Bathurst Street; and of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stolberg, 467 Lawrence Avenue West.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Silverstein (nee Gail Morrison), 552 St. Clements Avenue, on October 22, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Lisa Fagel; sister of Jay, aged three and one-half years; and of Daniel, two and one-half; granddaughter of Boris Silverstein, 24 Harrison Road; and of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Morrison, 51 Braemar Avenue; great-granddaughter of Mrs. Sarah Buchin, 136 Everden Road.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hounsell (nee Diane Pilcher), 18 Skipton Court, on October 22, at the Northwestern Hospital, a daughter, Deborah; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pilcher, 8 Grovedale Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Hounsell, 79 Bishop Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kriezman (nee Annette Weingarten), 12 Appletree-Court, on October 25, at the Branson Hospital, a son, Chaim Moishe; brother of Rhonda, aged ten years; and Mark, eight; grandson of Mrs. Esther Weingarten, 3890 Bathurst Street and the late Hyman Weingarten; and of Mrs. Esther Kriezman, 122 Garnet Avenue; and the late Morris Kriezman.

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three and one-quarter cups all-purpose flour
two cups sugar
one teaspoon baking soda

Pour cherry juice into a cup and fill with water to measure one cup. Cut up cherries and nuts and pour one-quarter cup of flour over them. Cream shortening or margarine with sugar and add the beaten egg yolks. Beat egg-whites. Mix all dry ingredients thoroughly and gradually add to the egg and shortening mixture. Add cherries and nuts and lastly fold in the beaten egg-whites. Bake in a big greased, cake pan for one hour or until brown at three hundred and fifty degrees.

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TORONTO MEETINGS

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★ CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS ★

A community-wide "Tribute to Sholom Aleichem", preceded the start of Jewish Book Month, to December 4, Morley J. Pape is chairman; and it is supported by Bnai Brith, Bureau of Jewish Education, Canadian Jewish Congress, Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Public Library, Keren Hatarbuth, Toronto Zionist Council, Yiddish Culture Council, and Y.M.-Y.W.H.A. Professor Charles Angoff, of New Jersey, addressed the community on "The Jew In Contemporary American Literature", at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, a co-sponsor of this event. He is Professor of English, at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey; author and editor. On November 27, at 8.30 p.m., the Yiddish poetess, Mrs. Rochel Korn, of Montreal, will speak on "World Literature And Jewish Literature", at the Arbeiter Ring Centre, 471 Lawrence Avenue West; co-sponsored with the Yiddish Culture Council. A lecture in Hebrew, "On Understanding Chagall", followed by a dramatic presentation of Sholom Aleichem's "Its A Lie", co-sponsored with Keren Hatarbuth, the Hebrew Culture Organization, will take place on Monday, November 28, 8.30 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, 188 Marlee Avenue. In the cast are Edward Weiner, 107 Ava Road; and Samuel Lipsky, 235 Wychwood Avenue. The committee will arrange book exhibits and book shops during the four major community events. Interesting book exhibits will be arranged in the Toronto Jewish Public Library, 22 Glen Park Avenue, the Y.M.-Y.W.H.A., and in many synagogues and schools. Some of The Toronto Public Libraries will display Jewish book shelves during the Month, as they have done in previous years. Special school programs, and an essay contest for High School students have been organized in co-operation with the Toronto Bureau of Jewish Education. Central Region conference opens on Saturday night, November 26; continuing all day Sunday; at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. At the Conference banquet on Sunday night, Dr. Joachim Prinz, world Jewish leader, and chairman of the governing council of the World Jewish Congress, will be the principal speaker. At the banquet, regional chairman Meyer W. Gasner, will pay tribute to A. B. Bennett, veteran Canadian community leader, and a founder of Congress, on his seventy-fifth birthday. Making a presentation will be Professor Jacob Finkelman, Q.C., national vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The opening program, "Our Identity Crisis", on the Jewish intellectual scene in Canada, will hear Dr. Ben. Lappin, and Dr. Earl Berger; and Melvin Fenson of Winnipeg, Manitoba; moderator will be David E. Newman, Q.C., chairman of the regional educational and cultural committee. An up-to-date review, "Congress And The Challenge Of Change", by Saul Hayes, Q. C., national executive vice-president, will be the luncheon address. At 9 a.m., Sunday, "The Toronto Jewish Community: New Dimensions — New Directions", will be presented by Jack Friedman, Q.C.; and Arthur Gelber. "Inter-community consultations", will have presiding, Melvin Sorffer, of Windsor; Saul Halperin, of St. Catharines; and Max Stein, of Hamilton. At the Community Relations session, at 11 a.m. Sunday, presenting the major report will be J. Sydney Midanik, Q. C., chairman of the Regional Joint Community Relations Committee of Congress and Bnai Brith; Max Sheeter, Chairman of the Community Anti-Nazi Committee, will report. The summation will be given by John A. Geller.

★ WOMEN'S ORT ★

Mayor Philip Givens addressed delegates at the ninth biennial convention of Women's Canadian Ort. Dr. Vladimir Halperin, of Geneva, Switzerland, director of the World Ort Union, presented plaques to Mrs. A. B. Bennett, of Toronto, who was made honorary president; and to Mrs. Leon D. Crestohl, of Montreal, Quebec, who was honoured as founder president. Dr. William Haber, Dean of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, University of Michigan; and president of the World Ort Union, was the keynote speaker, and explained how students in Ort schools, of twenty-two countries, are taught trade skills. Mrs. Harry Abelson, of Montreal, Quebec, a vice-president, presided, when a new Ort film, "The Second Frontier", was shown for the first time. The film, narrated by Sir John Gielgud, depicted Ort programme, as carried out in Israel. Mrs. Ludwig M. Kaphan, of New York, scholarship chairman of the World Ort Union, was guest speaker. At a panel discussion, Dr. Mario Carosi, Consul General of Italy; Dr. Vladimir Halperin; Pierre Morizot, Consul General of France; Dr. P. K. Shastri, representative of the Government of India, in Toronto; Lieutenant-Colonel Dov Sinai, Consul General of Israel, in Montreal, Quebec; L. Gotz, an Ort graduate; Jerry Knoll, director, office of West African Affairs, Agency for International Development, took part. Paul Bernick, executive director, American Ort Federation, was moderator. Mrs. J. Barney Goldhar, of Toronto, was chairman. Mrs. H. D. Cheifetz, of Montreal, Quebec, installed the officers: Mesdames Henry Kingstone, of Toronto, president; J. Y. Stotland, Joseph Ain, Harry Abelson, of Montreal; Herbert Rosen, of Halifax, Nova Scotia; J. Barney Goldhar and Abe Levine, of Toronto, vice-presidents; Samuel Bland, secretary; Irving Solsberg, treasurer; Nathan Silver, financial secretary, all of Toronto; Leon D. Crestohl, of Montreal, founder president; and A. B. Bennett, of Toronto, honorary president.

★ NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE ★

Ontario Branch will hold Friendship Night, on November 28, at 8.30 p.m., at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Avenue. Rabbi Israel Silverman, of Beth Jacob Synagogue, in Hamilton, Ontario, will be the speaker. A play will be performed by the Beth Sholom Choir. In the cast are: Mesdames S. Anisman, H. Arnoff, P. Band, W. Feldman, S. Greenwald, H. Keystone, N. Kussner, A. Lubin, H. Lurie, H. Rosenblatt, D. Ross, M. Shugar L. Silverberg, S. Silverstein, H. Slater, B. Sugar, D. Talbot, R. Tiekton, W. Wagman and R. Yarmouth. Mrs. Varda Hall is conductor; Mrs. Sara Barkin Sandler, accompanist; and Mrs. W. Wagman and Mrs. W. Feldman, choir chairman. The presentation, "Torah Crentes A Sound Of Music", by Mrs. R. Yarmouth, will be narrated by Mrs. S. Silverstein.

★ BETH JACOB ★

Synagogue, Rabbi M. J. Burak: Sisterhood met; Mrs. Norman Schwartz, president, presided. New members are: Mesdames Charles Goldman, P. Goldman, M. Titel, T. Nuten and S. Kruger. Winners of the draw held at the Harvest tea, are: Mesdames J. Harris, 269 Castlefield Avenue; J. Goldman, 586 Lawrence Avenue West; G. Blackman, 98 McGillvray Avenue; and M. Fishbain, 86 DeQuincy Boulevard. Rabbi Burak gave a book review.

★ ZIONIST REVISIONISTS ★

Jordania Chapter general meeting was at the home of Mrs. Harry Frimmerman, 110 Sandringham Drive. Mrs. Joel Krakauer, president, presided. Mrs. Nathan Silver introduced the speaker, Shlomo Perla, recently arrived from Poland, who spoke on "The Position Of The Jew In Europe Today". The Chapter met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Fromer, 139 Shelbourne Avenue.

All Over The World The Folks Back Home Provide For Chanukah Celebration Of Young Jewish Fighters In Vietnam

"Living Letters" from the parents, wives, and girl friends of Jewish servicemen in Vietnam and at other foreign duty stations were tape recorded and sent overseas, through arrangements made by Armed Forces and Veterans Services groups of the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB), in time to be played back during Hanukkah.

The "Living Letters" project is part of the worldwide Festival of Lights program of JWB which provides all of the supplies needed for the traditional celebration of Hanukkah by Jewish military personnel at overseas and domestic installations and Veterans Administration hospitals in the United States. As the men listen to the voices of their loved ones, they will also have the gifts, holiday materials and treats shipped by local groups in the U.S. affiliated with JWB's Women's Organizations' Services.

More than 100,000 gift-wrapped packages will be in the hands of Jewish personnel in the name of the American Jewish community when the first Hanukkah candle, marking the eight-day Festival of Lights, is kindled after sundown Thursday, December 8. Arrangements were under way well in advance to assure the timely arrival of refreshments, Jewish books, records, silver mezuzot, and Stars of David on chains for distribution to the increasing number of Jewish servicemen in Vietnam by Chaplains Alan M. Greenspan, Ernest D. Lapp, and David B. Saltzman, the three Jewish chaplains in that area.

Chaplain Lapp reported that, through the cooperation of I Field Force Aviation, he plans to cover all Army and Air Force installations in the II Corps of Vietnam, comprised of 30,000 square miles of infantry and support units with 700 Jewish personnel spread over a wide area that can be reached only by aviation support. He stated that this air-movement is called "Operation Maccabee" and added:

"At each of our bases we shall have a Hanukkah service, followed by a candle-lighting ceremony and then the distribution of hundreds of Hanukkah gifts which we have received through JWB's Women's Organizations' Services. These gifts have reached us from all parts of the continental USA and I can assure you that they are a tremendous morale booster for our young Jewish lads fighting in this war-torn country. To be remembered by the folks back home, to know that there are those that care and pray for our safety, is a positive sign for us that the blood we shed and the hardships we endure are not in vain."

Among the tape recorded messages that will be heard by men at USO listening stations in Vietnam and other foreign locations are those made during the first days of November as a special project undertaken by volunteers of JWB's Armed Forces and Veterans Council of Long Island, N.Y. In addition, JWB's Los Angeles Armed Forces and Veterans Services Committee, a pioneer in the promotion of "Talking Letters" for servicemen, has provided battery-operated recorders to play back messages.

USO listening stations are also equipped with play-back machines, and U.S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel have tape recorders aboard their ships. Servicemen can "talk over" the tapes they receive to send return messages to their families.

At a "Giant Holiday Wrap-Up" at the Westside Jewish Community Center of the Los Angeles Jewish Centers Association, more than 100 women from clubs and organizations throughout the Greater Los Angeles area gift-wrapped packages which were sent to the USO clubs in Vietnam via the Flying Tiger Air Lines. This project, coordinated by the Los Angeles Serve-A-Committee affiliated with JWB's Women's Organizations' Services, provided for the shipment of comfort kits in plastic cases that can be easily carried by the men through the strife-ridden jungles of Vietnam.

Through a Hanukkah program conducted jointly by Bnai Brith and JWB, books and gifts have been sent to Jewish servicemen in the United States and overseas. The items include records with Jewish contents, Hanukkah ceremonial objects, and religious material which will be distributed through JWB to Jewish military chaplains all over the world.

Jewish chaplains in Korea, Italy, Germany, Turkey, North Africa, the Aleutian Islands, several Pacific outposts and in all other overseas and stateside areas where Jewish servicemen are stationed will conduct Hanukkah candle-lighting services at military installations. In Veterans Administration hospitals, too, there will be comparable observances. Local JWB Armed Forces and Veterans Services Committees and Jewish Community Centers will cooperate in organizing Hanukkah observances for Jewish men in uniform and their families on and off military bases.

Over 5,000 dreidlach (Hanukkah tops) are among the gifts going to the children of Jewish servicemen throughout the world. In many military chapels, Hanukkah candles will be lit in the large, attractive menorot (candelabras) provided by Serve-A-Chaplain Committees affiliated with the Women's Organizations' Services. More than 10,000 Jewish books, 5,000 silver Stars of David, and mezuzot and hundreds of Jewish recordings are among the many gifts for Jewish military personnel.

Committees of hospital volunteers, working under the auspices of the Women's Organizations' Services, will give Hanukkah parties and will distribute gifts to patients in all Veterans Administration hospitals. These volunteers participate in the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service program.

The Women's Organizations' Services is composed of the following national Jewish women's organizations: National Bureau of Federated Jewish Women's Organizations, National Council of Jewish Women, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, National JWB Jewish Community Center Services, National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, United Order of True Sisters, the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress.

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THE TREFA BANQUET

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On Wednesday evening, July 11, 1883, some two hundred persons gathered for dinner at the Cincinnati Highland House, a hilltop resort and restaurant overlooking the Ohio river and the Kentucky hills. Sponsored by a group of Cincinnati Jews who preferred to remain anonymous, the event was meant to honor the delegates to the eighth annual council meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the first graduating class of the Hebrew Union College.

Among the guests were members of Cincinnati's Jewish upper class as well as non-Jewish judges, clergymen, and professors from the local university. The Cincinnati *Enquirer* described the affair as a "Jewish jollification"; in American Jewish history it has become known as the "*trefa* banquet," an important link in a chain of events that was finally to lead to a break between Reform and Conservative Judaism.

For the account of what happened that July summer night, historians have to a large extent relied on the memoirs of David Philipson, one of the four young men ordained as rabbi at Cincinnati's Plum Street Temple on the afternoon of the same day. In "*My Life As An American Jew*" (published in 1941), Rabbi Philipson recalled that after the guests had been seated, the invocation spoken, and the waiters signalled to serve the first course, "terrific excitement" broke out among the diners, seated under the gas lights of the Highland House banquet hall.

"Two rabbis rose from their seats and rushed from the room. Shrimp had been placed before them as the opening course of the elaborate menu."

According to Rabbi Philipson, the "orthodox Eastern press rang the changes on the '*trefa* banquet' week in, week out," and the event furnished the opening for the movement that culminated in the founding of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and the establishment of the Conservative wing in the American synagogue.

He explained the incident as the failure of a Jewish caterer to provide a strictly kosher meal, though he had been explicitly instructed to do so. And this, by and large, has become the standard explanation found in the standard histories of American Judaism.

Convinced that the event warranted re-examination, and not satisfied that a caterer's whim or oversight was responsible for the "*trefa* banquet," I determined to piece together whatever data could be located about this controversial dinner. In the course of my investigations, I discovered a complete version of the bill of fare served that night. Following is the menu for the "*trefa* banquet" exactly as it appeared in the pages of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* for July 12, 1883. (I have retained misspellings or printer's errors.)

Menu

Little Neck Clams (half shell)
Amontillado Sherry

Potages
Consommé Royal
Sauternes

Poissons
Fillet de Bocuf, aux Champignons
Soft-shell Crabs
a l'Amerique, Pommes Duchesse
Salade of Shrimps

St. Julien

Entree
Sweet Breads a la Monglas
Petits Pois a la Francaise
Djedescheimer

Relevee
Poulets a la Viennoise
Asperges Sauce
Vinaigrette Pommes Pate
Roman Punch
Grenouilles a la Creme
and Cauliflower
Roti

Vol au Vents de Pigeons,
a la Tyrolienne
Salade de Saitue
G. H. Mumm Extra Dry

Hors D'Oeuvres
Bouchies de Volaille, a la Regeurs
Olives Caviv, Sadeiles de Hollands
Brissotins au Supreme Tomatoe
Mayonnaise
Sucres

Ice-Cream
Assorted and Ornamented Cakes
Entrements
Fromages variés — Fruits variés

Martel Cognac
Cafe Noir

I was persuaded of the accuracy of the *Enquirer's* account after collating it with several partial versions of the menu which appeared in American, English, and German-Jewish newspapers at the time. My researches also disclosed that the meal was supervised by Gus Lindeman, purveyor of food and drink for the Allemania Club, whose membership was composed of Cincinnati's wealthiest German Jews — among them those who arranged and paid for the Highland House dinner.

The menu shows that Little Neck Clams rather than shrimp, as Rabbi Philipson thought, had the distinction of first offending those diners who observed *kashruth*. Nor did clams constitute the only violation of *kashruth*; the menu included soft-shell crabs, shrimp salad, frogs' legs, and *milchig* deserts (ice-cream and assorted cheeses) served after the meat courses. Even a cursory knowledge of what hotel men call "mass feeding procedures" should convince anyone that this array of ritually forbidden dishes for an important ceremonial dinner was not simply the result of a caterer's oversight.

If it was not, how then is the "*trefa* banquet" to be explained? The investigation inevitably leads to the words and deeds of Rabbi Isaac M. Wise, at that time president of the Hebrew Union College, and — according to his contemporary detractors — the "Pope" of American Reform Judaism. The Highland House dinner certainly lent substance to the charge made by rabbis of conservative bent that Wise was encouraging the abrogation of traditional observances.

I must therefore emphasize that I found no evidence to show that Rabbi Wise knew in advance of the plans by the Cincinnati Banquet Committee to serve *trefa* food.

Indeed, it is reasonable to assume that he was too good a politician and organizer to condone plans that were certain to offend the influential Orthodox element among the members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the supporters of Hebrew Union College. My own conclusion is that the *trefa* banquet was deliberately arranged, probably without Rabbi Wise's knowledge, by some of his supporters among Cincinnati businessmen.

But one cannot leave it at that. The fact is that whether or not Isaac M. Wise knew of the banquet committee's plans — and he disavowed any knowledge — he refused to condemn what was unquestionably an affront to the sensibilities of those guests who observed *kashruth*. Moreover, in the months following the Highland House dinner, he shifted from a weak defense of the anonymous hosts to an intemperate attack on the practice of *kashruth* as such.

His reactions to the "*trefa* banquet" constitute an essential part of the story and deserve further attention.

Rabbi Wise's first response was to pronounce both the Council meeting and the dinner an unqualified success. He expressed himself to this effect in two weeklies edited by him, the *American Israelite* and the German-language *Die Deborah*. (Both papers furnish important evidence for his and his supporters' views; a study of *Die Deborah* is especially revealing because of Wise's habit of treating it as his personal mouthpiece and holding forth in it with less restraint than in its English-language equivalent.)

It soon became evident, however, that the matter was not to rest there. One of the first public intimations that the harmony of the Cincinnati proceedings had been marred by the "*trefa* banquet" appeared in the "religious news" section of the New York *Herald* on July 22, 1883.

An anonymous report, signed "Historical Platform," deplored the fact that the Cincinnati meetings had accomplished little except to promote fraternity, that the Hebrew Union College did not prepare its students satisfactorily for the rabbinate, and that the "rabbis and laymen, assembled for a Jewish interest, instead of rising in a body and leaving the hall, sat down and participated" in a *trefa* dinner. Subsequently, the Philadelphia *Jewish Record* and the *American Hebrew* also took up the issue.

When his Eastern critics thus began to demand an explanation of and apology for the Highland House affair, Wise begged to be excused from further discussions. In the *American Israelite* for August 3, 1883, he wrote that he did not wish "to belittle a number of generous and hospitable gentlemen" on account of their caterer's error, and he asked his critics to remember that the American Hebrew's religion "centers not in kitchen and stomach." He concluded:

The fact is that the said chief cook, himself a Jew, wool-dyed, was placed there to bring before the guests a *kosher* meal. So it was understood in Cincinnati all along, and we do not know why he diversified his menu with multipeds and bivalves. If any of the committee gave him such orders, they are responsible to those who appointed them, not to us, not to any newspaper, not to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, none of whom had anything to do with the entertainment given to the guests connected with the Council.

Such an explanation inevitably failed to conciliate his critics. Two weeks later, Wise admitted in the *Deborah* that "because the Cincinnati Banquet Committee allowed a few dishes to be served which are forbidden according to Jewish ritual law," those who applaud liberal *thoughts* now "make a great to-do" because "liberal thoughts appeal to reason" but "liberal *actions* come in conflict with unthinking prejudice."

In Wise's opinion, the issue of the "*trefa* banquet" was merely a pretext for striking at the Hebrew Union College and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In responding to what he considered the real issue, he soon abandoned all talk of a caterer's oversight, and transformed the Highland House Dinner first into a test case of liberal convictions and gradually into an act of assertion of the "new" Judaism.

Thus in *Die Deborah* of November 2, 1883, Wise insisted that further explanations of the "*trefa* banquet" were unnecessary because the large majority of American Jews were indifferent to dietary laws, and because Orthodox Jewish customs "cheapened" Judaism before the public.

The most outspoken exposition of this point of view came from the Denver correspondent of *Die Deborah*, one Rabbi Schreiber, who coupled it with a slashing attack on the "open and hidden enemies" of Wise, the College, and the Union.

Dr. Schreiber described Wise's critics as "ignorant fanatics" and the Cincinnati dinner as a fitting occasion to declare "publicly and emphatically" that "kitchen Judaism" should be relegated "to the antique cabinet where it belongs."

Why should a dozen men whose religion depended upon abstention from oysters and lobsters decide what others, who liked these dishes, should eat? Who forced them to eat *trefa* dishes when so many fine kosher foods had also been available? The "humbug" of the dietary laws must go, for they "promote clannishness, Jewish exclusiveness, even fanaticism" and they make Judaism "ridiculous, Lilliputian, demeaning."

Nor was the counterattack limited to words. When the Free Sons of Israel, a fraternal order, met for a week-long convention in Cincinnati in March 1884, about five hundred delegates assembled at Eureka Hall for a dinner catered by Gus Lindeman, whose previous

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